

**REMARKS**

Claims 6-16, 21-24, 29-34, 39-47 have been canceled.

Claims 1-5, 17-20, 25-28, 35-38 are pending.

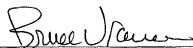
In Applicant's response filed on August 5, 2003, Applicant inadvertently failed to amend claims in response to the Examiner's claim objections on page 2 of the May 7, 2003 Office Action. By this Supplemental Amendment, Applicant amends these claims to overcome the Examiner's objections. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in allowable condition.

Applicant also **incorrectly** stated in the Remarks section of its August 5, 2003 Response, that the "claims 1, 2, 5, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25-28, 35-38 are pending. The pending claims are correctly stated above. **Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner make of record that claims 1-5, 17-20, 25-28, 35-38 are pending.**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the application is ready for allowance. If any additional information is needed, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 541-8614.

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